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Overview

Introduction

The certifier should perform a post-certification audit of the payroll following processing. A variety of reports are received after payroll certification that can facilitate the post-certification review and help the reviewer verify:

- no unauthorized changes were made to the payroll after certification and before processing,
- all transactions processed as intended,
- there are no extraordinarily large or small payments to employees.

Any differences should be identified and accounted for through this process. If exceptions are found, and there is no supporting documentation, agencies should take appropriate action to correct the inappropriate payment and review agency processing procedures to prevent future occurrences.

CIPPS/PMIS Compare

In addition to your review, DOA performs a comparison of CIPPS records and PMIS records each pay period. If exceptions are found, erroneous payments are discovered, or salaries exceed classification limits, your agency will have to provide a written explanation to DOA. Changes to employee records affecting payroll should be processed through the Personnel Management Information System (PMIS) before payroll is certified. Untimely updates to either CIPPS and/or PMIS and insufficient responses to this audit can result in unauthorized or incorrect payroll disbursements and/or being reported in the *Comptroller's Report on Statewide Financial Management and Compliance*.

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Post-Certification Review

Post-Certification Reports

A variety of reports are received following certification and processing of payroll. The following reports should minimally be included in the post-certification review; however, your agency may include others in this process, as appropriate.

Report	Description	Required Review
RDMS Manifest	Produced daily and lists all reports generated during overnight processing. This report is automatically generated.	Verify all reports have been received and reviewed after certification.
Payroll and Deduction Register (Final) Report 10	An essential control report that lists the payment for each employee and includes the total disbursement for the payroll. Produced automatically when payroll is certified.	Under normal circumstances, the Final Report 10 should mirror the Pre-Calc Report 10 used in the pre-certification process. All differences between the Pre-Calc and Final Report 10 should be investigated and documented.
Check Issued Register Report 15	Lists each check, with the employee number, check number, the name of the payee and the amount of net pay. This report is automatically generated.	Scan for unusual amounts or payees.
Direct Deposit Transmission Report 26	Lists each employee with an active deduction established for direct deposit to checking or savings, and the amount of the transfer. This report is automatically generated.	Scan for unusual amounts or payees.
Composite Tax Report Report 33	Provides the total gross amount paid, the taxable amounts and taxes withheld for each tax category. This report is automatically generated.	Ensure no taxes were withheld in inapplicable categories (i.e. FUTA, DI).

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Report	Description	Required Review
Gross Pay Limit Exceeded Report 59	Lists employees, if any, whose gross wages, including all types of pays, exceed the limit established at the agency level. (The default value is double the base salary.) This report is automatically generated.	Verify that payments are proper and correct.
Third Party Check Register <i>Report U003</i>	Lists each agency third party check , as well as the amount of the federal tax deposit being electronically transferred. This report is automatically generated.	Verify that the federal tax deposit was transferred and scan report for unusual amounts or payees.
Gross Pay Differences Report Report U118	Shows the amount authorized during certification for payment, the amount actually paid, and any differences. This report is automatically generated.	Send an explanation of differences if greater than one dollar to DOA, by close of business the day after certification. Large variances and unexplained variances will be reported in the <i>Comptroller's Report on Statewide Financial Management and Compliance</i> .
Recycled Pending Transactions, Report 2007.	Lists all transactions on CIPPS Pending File.	Review for Batch File Maintenance (BFMs) input if necessary.

CIPPS/CARS Reconciliation

In addition to performing the post-certification review of CIPPS reports, an audit of expenditures that were charged to CARS should be performed. A careful audit ensures that all expenditures were charge to the correct programmatic codes, and reveals any discrepancies or errors in either CIPPS or CARS in regards to payroll. The reports that are used in this process are identified in the following chart.

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Report U022 - Detail Payroll Expenditures Report	Shows how each employee's payroll and benefits are posted in CARS and charged to the agency.	Ensure that expenditures are appropriate and correctly charged against agency budget.
Report U023 - Summary of Payroll Expenditures	Provides totals that should mirror the charges to CARS through payroll processing.	Verify that charges were posted appropriately to CARS.
Report U029 - CIPPS GLI Default Report	This report identifies if there were errors encountered or if the default programmatic coding was used during the General Ledger Interface.	May identify reconciliation problems in the CIPPS to CARS reconciliation requiring journal entries.
<i>Report U033 – Detail Payroll Expenditures by CARS Funding</i>	<i>Shows how each employee's payroll and benefits are posted in CARS and charged to the agency. Sorted and subtotaled by CARS coding.</i>	<i>Ensure that expenditures are appropriate and correctly charged against agency budget.</i>
CARS 401 - Weekly Reconciliation of Transactions Posted to CARS	By transaction type, the amounts charged for gross payroll and agency paid fringe benefits.	Ensure that all payroll expenditures are accurately and timely posted to CARS.
CARS 107 - Error/Audit Report	Payroll items that did not post to CARS are listed. Total payroll for this cycle should be the total of the 401 and any items appearing on the 107.	Monitor progress to ensure errors are corrected and all valid expenditures are posted to CARS.

Internal Control

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Agencies must have policies and procedures governing the post-certification process. Steps should be taken to ensure that unauthorized personnel do not breach the certification security.

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Records Retention

Time Period All reports, associated with the post-certification process, should be retained for five (5) years or until audited, whichever is later. Agency policy and procedures determine the retention of the related agency source documents/records. Please see CAPP Topic No. 21005, *Records Retention and Disposition*.

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References CAPP Topic No. 21005, *Records Retention and Disposition*
